



## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING March 11, 2014 Minutes**

### **Members Present:**

Howard Pizzo, Karen Mojica and Dennis Fedewa

### **Staff Members Present:**

Richard Watkins and Mark Graham

#### **1. Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

#### **2. Public Comment:**

N/A

#### **3. Set/Adjust Agenda:**

Dennis Fedewa made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Karen Mojica supported this motion. Motion carried.

#### **4. Set/Adjust February 11, 2014 Minutes:**

Dennis Fedewa made a motion to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes as presented. Karen Mojica supported this motion. Motion carried.

#### **5. Transportation Improvement Program 2014-2017:**

Mark Graham reported on the following items:

- The Township is currently working on the 2035 long range plan, which was adopted in 2010.
- The development calendar for the 2040 long range plan will be announced soon by Tri-County. Once this calendar is established the Township will have the ability to share its concerns, if there are any.
- MDOT's future improvements are included in this long range plan.
- Provided copies of the ECRC Projects (4 pages) to the committee members.
- Provided an update on 2015 projects.

A discussion with regard to public safety on the following subjects ensued:

- Road Assessments
- Road Cable Systems
- Road Repairs due to the winter weather/potholes
- Traffic Detection Equipment
- Cameras/Emergency Vehicle Signal Override
- Road Widening (St. Joe Highway/Canal Road/Marketplace)

- Resurfacing Priorities (St. Joe Highway/Canal Road) Township's lack of leverage
- Review of ECRC projects scheduled for Delta Township in 2014 or lack thereof
- Alternative long range projects

After much discussion, the committee recommended that administration draft a letter to ECRC with regard to concerns/priorities for the Township's major road repairs, after assessing the current road conditions, including Canal Road and St. Joe Highway.

Richard volunteered to work with the ECRC, starting with the letter, and then working with them to see what can be done with regard serious problems. He will continue share information on his findings/discussions with ECRC to the Board.

Howard recommended that the Delta Township Board have a Committee of the Whole discussion with regard to keeping the east-west connector and the bridge over the Grand River as part of the 2014 plan. Mark Graham to provide a pros and cons report with regard to these two projects for this meeting. All agreed on this plan of action.

**6. New Business:**

Next meeting scheduled for May 13, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

**7. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.